

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Progress of the Preparations for the Coming Grand Reunion.

WORK OF COMMITTEES.

The colored Posts are considering the plan suggested by some of their own Commanders, and by several officials of the organization at Boston. It is that, in the grand parade on Sept. 12, all the colored Posts be organized into one division, so that their aggregate strength may be apparent to the crowd of spectators, and that the parade of colored veterans may be made a feature. There is considerable difficulty, however, in the way of carrying out this scheme. First of all, the colored Posts have been distributed all over the city by the Committee on Arrangements, so that such mobilization was thought of, and secondly, many of them have made arrangements for parading with their respective States. There are six colored Posts in Pennsylvania, with a membership of about 500. They have all expressed a willingness to join the division should it be organized.

Another matter of importance that came up before the Executive Committee the other day, and will be decided soon, is the securing of some 25,000 to 35,000 mattresses for the veterans to sleep upon during the Encampment. It was decided to secure blue for the number some 25,000, and two straw mattresses, about two feet by six, were placed on a table in Secretary Head's office as samples. Maj. Logan decided that such articles would be assigned to the Headquarters, and ordered that no more samples be received. Six bidders have sent in their figures for the contract, and a special committee will go to their warehouses to inspect the samples. This contract offers some estimate of the number of free quarters the committee expects to assign. This is below the figures of the Indianapolis Encampment, where 730 Posts, aggregating 60,000 individuals, were assigned to free quarters. The reason of this is made apparent in the fact that three large barracks were built at Indianapolis, which received a large number of veterans who would otherwise have gone into pay quarters.

The veterans of Pittsburgh and vicinity are taking steps to have the soldiers' monument at Allegheny Cemetery dedicated to the colored veterans, as it is thought large numbers of old soldiers will visit that place when in the city, and they wish the monument and grounds to be in good condition. The sum of \$100,000 is being raised for this purpose, and if the City Commissioners refuse to take up the matter, the work will probably be done by the veterans.

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THE RELIEF CORPS.

Gleanings from National Headquarters—Notes from the Departments.

THE NATIONAL OUTLOOK.

Inspection of the Fall of '94—Teaching Patriotism—The Flag They Died For—The Girls of '61—Gen. Howard and the Relief Corps—Among Southern Corps—Help the Army Nurses—Growing Old Beautifully—What the States are Doing—All Along the Line.

NATIONAL INSPECTION.

National Inspector Mary E. Bancroft, Columbus, O., has issued Circular No. 2, promulgating instructions to Department Commanders, for a thorough and systematic inspection to be made by them and their assistants during the months of September, October and November, as covered by the Rules and Regulations of the Corps. It is a model of its kind. Every point is covered and much useful advice given in the Good of the Order. A thorough and rigid examination of Corps houses, and correct enforcement of the Rules and Regulations of the Corps, and the importance of a relief fund, without which no Corps work is complete, are insisted upon as being of the highest importance.

TEACHING PATRIOTISM.

Comrade J. N. Ohlwin made an address at a Camp gotten up by Stansbury Post, 1, Cromwell, Ind., to raise a fund for a cenotaph to be placed in the cemetery in memory of departed heroes, in which he dwelt upon the importance of the Rules and Regulations of the Corps, and the importance of a relief fund, without which no Corps work is complete, are insisted upon as being of the highest importance.

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THE GRAND ARMY.

What is Being Done by the Veterans for the Good of the Order.

ILLINOIS.

It was resolved at the 28th annual Encampment, held at Rockland, May 15-17, that the representatives from this Department to the National Encampment, to be held at Pittsburgh, be instructed to vote for all honorable men in their power for the election of Comrade Thos. G. Lawler to the position of Commander-in-Chief. In accordance with the above, the Department of Illinois, G.A.R., will present the name of Comrade Thos. G. Lawler, Commander of Nevers Post, 1, Rockford, continuously from 1866 to 1894; Senior Vice Department Commander during the years 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1881; Commander of the Department during the year 1882 to the 28th annual National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at Pittsburgh, Sept. 10-12, 1894, as the unanimous choice of the Department of Illinois for the position of Commander-in-Chief.

IOWA.

Dr. George A. Neuman, the newly-elected Department Commander, was born in the State of New York. He enlisted from that State in Co. G, 6th Cav., and served three years. He joined the G.A.R. at Birmingham, N. Y., in 1867. He went to Iowa in 1861, and became a member of James Hamilton Post, 222, Cedar Falls, and has been its Adjutant ever since, with the exception of one year, when he was Commander. The Doctor has attended

every Department Encampment since his Post was organized; has been a member of the Council of Administration, and also of the National Council, and has been a member of the Committee. He has a wide acquaintance in the Department and in G.A.R. circles.

MINNESOTA.

The campmeeting of the M. E. Church held at Fillmore was addressed on June 28 by Department Commander Van Sant and Gen. Merz. Department Chap. Henry G. Billie spoke to the comrades in the evening.

MISSOURI.

G. W. Laird, Commander, Warsaw: The 28th annual Encampment, District of the Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at Warsaw on Aug. 14, 15, 16 and 17.

NEBRASKA.

W. C. Yard, Omaha, Neb.: Some may want to know how the G.A.R. boys are doing in this city. They are doing well. We have four posts here, and in the city and in south Omaha, U. S. Grant, 112; George A. Custer, 7, and Crook Post, this city. At the annual Encampment of the Iowa G.A.R. in the city of Des Moines, June 10, 1894, the Iowa G.A.R. was represented by a group of 100 comrades in full force, about 60 members, and we had a grand time. There was but one drawback. They marched the boys on the streets for two hours, and made it lively as well as profitable. The comrades dropped out of ranks on the march. George A. Custer Post is in a prosperous condition. Many of the boys are joining, and it is increasing its membership. Comrade Smith was glad by donating a group picture of the comrades to our multitude of mementoes and collections. Our Commander, A. Lockner, is a fine fellow, and makes it lively as well as profitable for the members of Custer Post. We have quite a snug sum of money on hand for emergencies. During the past winter we held services for the comrades who were in the hospital, and partook of the hospitalities of the comrades.

NEW YORK.

The official visit of Department Commander Shots to the western part of the State was made on June 28, 1894, by Department Commander Shots. He was accompanied on the visit by Gen. Butterfield, Past Commander-in-Chief Palmer, Gen. F. C. Soble, members of his staff, the Council of Administration, and others. He started from New York City on the morning of June 28, and arrived at Middletown, and also the Livingston County Soldiers' Reunion at Nunda.

OHIO.

Gen. Lyon Post, East Liverpool, is making a special effort to have all old soldiers in its ranks. He has issued a circular to all comrades in the State, asking them to send in their names. He has also issued a circular to all comrades in the State, asking them to send in their names. He has also issued a circular to all comrades in the State, asking them to send in their names.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Lieut. Greble Post, 10, Philadelphia, will parade 100 comrades in the Pittsburgh procession in September, and will have a band of music. Comrade Frank W. Carpenter, of this Post, was elected a Trustee at the last meeting to fill vacancy, vice Comrade Christian Grossman, resigned.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

George W. Carpenter, the newly-elected Commander of the Department of South Dakota, was born in western New York in 1833. At the breaking out of the war he was a member of Co. C, 74th N. Y. N. G. The Governor

of the State tendered this regiment to the United States for two years, which offer was accepted by President Lincoln, and it became the 74th N. Y. N. G. This regiment built Fort Ransom, opposite Washington, and was stationed at this fort at the time of the first battle of Bull Run. Comrade Carpenter and 50 men belonging to the regiment volunteered to go up and take a hand in the fight, which they did, and a free-for-all fight.

In the Spring of 1862 Carpenter was given a permit to recruit a new regiment, which re-

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Regiment and Navy Veterans.

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